

The Honorable Lauren King

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

SHANNON G. HARTFIELD, and

DANESXY ORTEGA

Defendants.

NO. CR22-176 LK

DISCOVERY PROTECTIVE ORDER

This matter, having come to the Court's attention on the parties' joint motion for entry of a discovery protective order, and the Court, having considered the motion, and being fully advised in this matter, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim P. 16(d)(1), hereby enters the following PROTECTIVE ORDER:

1. **Protected Material.** For purposes of this Order, "Protected Materials" shall include grand jury witness transcripts, cooperator statements, personally identifiable information or otherwise sensitive information regarding anticipated trial witnesses.

2. **Designation of Protected Material.** The Protected Material shall be designated by the government, on the material itself, in a placeholder if the electronic file cannot be marked (as is the case with certain native files), or on a physical label affixed to

1 a disk or other media, using the following designation “PROTECTED MATERIAL”. The
2 failure to designate any materials as Protected shall not constitute a waiver of a party’s
3 assertion that the materials are covered by this Protective Order. If material is later found
4 to be covered by this Protective Order, the government will re-produce a properly
5 designated copy of the material.

6 **3. Production of Protected Material to the Defense.** The United States will
7 make available copies of the Protected Materials, including those filed under seal directly
8 to defense counsel to comply with the government’s discovery obligations, and/or to a
9 Coordinating Discovery Attorney, should one be appointed. Possession of copies of
10 Protected Material is limited to attorneys of record, their office staff, investigators,
11 paralegals, assistants, and law clerks, as well as necessary third-party vendors, consultants,
12 and/or experts (hereinafter collectively referred to as “members of the defense team”). At
13 all times, members of the defense team shall be subject to the terms of this order. Further,
14 the attorneys of record are required to make available, prior to disseminating any copies of
15 the Protected or Sensitive Materials to members of the defense team, a copy of this
16 Protective Order to members of the defense team.

17 **4. Restrictions on use with Artificial Intelligence Tools.** The Protected
18 Material shall not be loaded into an artificial intelligence (AI) tool or model, generative or
19 not, where rights to the data are retained by any party that has not explicitly agreed to be
20 covered by the protective order.

21 **5. Review of Protected Material by Defendant.** The attorney(s) of record and
22 members of the defense team may share and review the Protected Material with Defendant.
23 If Defendant is in custody at the Federal Detention Center (FDC), he/she will be permitted
24 to review the Protected Material, consistent with the regulations established by the BOP,
25 with or without counsel, in a controlled environment at the Federal Detention Center
26 (FDC), but will be prohibited from printing out, copying, disseminating, or otherwise
27 retaining the discovery. If Defendant is on pretrial release, he/she will be permitted to

1 review the Protected Material at the offices of his/her counsel, but will be prohibited from
2 printing out, copying, or disseminating the discovery.

3 **6. Limits on Dissemination of Protected Materials.** The attorney(s) of record
4 and members of the defense team acknowledge that providing copies of the Protected
5 Material to Defendant and other persons is prohibited and agree not to duplicate or provide
6 copies of the Protected Material to Defendant and other persons. Members of the defense
7 team, defendants, and any others to whom disclosure of the content of Protected Material
8 may be necessary to assist with the preparation of the defense, shall not disclose the
9 Protected Material or its contents, other than as necessary for the preparation of defenses
10 at trial and in subsequent legal proceedings, if necessary. This order does not limit
11 employees of the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington
12 from disclosing the Protected Material to members of the United States Attorney's Office,
13 law enforcement agencies, witnesses, and the Court and defense as necessary to comply
14 with the government's discovery obligations.

15 **7. Future Production of Additional Protected Materials.** Additional types of
16 discovery items may be deemed by the parties to constitute Protected Material upon
17 agreement, or (if no agreement can be reached) by further order of the Court.

18 **8. No Waiver.** Nothing in this order should be construed as imposing any
19 substantive discovery obligations on the government that are different from those imposed
20 by case law and Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

21 **9. Use of Protected Material in Court.** Any Protected or Sensitive Material
22 that is filed with the Court in connection with pre-trial motions, trial, or other matter before
23 this Court, shall be filed under seal and shall remain sealed until otherwise ordered by this
24 Court. This does not entitle either party to seal their filings as a matter of course. The parties
25 are required to comply in all respects with the relevant local and federal rules of criminal
26 procedure pertaining to the sealing of court documents. If the Protected Material to be filed
27 with the Court was designated as Protected solely because it contains personal-identifying

1 information, it may be filed publicly, provided it has been redacted in compliance with
2 Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 49.1 and Local Criminal Rule 49.1.

3 10. **Non-Termination.** The provisions of this Order shall not terminate at the
4 conclusion of this prosecution. Furthermore, after any judgment or disposition has become
5 final and there are no pending proceedings, challenges, appeals, or habeas motions in the
6 case, defense counsel shall destroy the Protected Materials. If defense counsel finds that
7 retention of the Protected Materials in their possession is necessary for authorized reasons,
8 such as professional or ethical obligations, defense counsel shall retain the Protected
9 Materials in their case file subject to the restrictions of this Order.

10 11. **Violation of Order.** Any person who willfully violates this order may be
11 held in contempt of court and may be subject to monetary or other sanctions as deemed
12 appropriate by this Court.

13 12. **Modification of Order.** Nothing in this Stipulation shall prevent any party
14 from seeking modification of this Protective Order or from objecting to discovery that it
15 believes to be otherwise improper. The parties agree that in the event that compliance with
16 this Order makes it difficult for defense counsel to adhere to their Sixth Amendment
17 obligations, or otherwise imposes an unworkable burden on counsel, defense counsel shall
18 bring any concerns about the terms of the Order to the attention of the government. The
19 parties shall then meet and confer with the intention of finding a mutually acceptable
20 solution. In the event that the parties cannot reach such a solution, defense counsel shall
21 have the right to bring any concerns about the scope or terms of the Order to the attention
22 of the Court by way of a motion.

23 13. **No Ruling on Discoverability or Admissibility.** This Protective Order does
24 not constitute a ruling on the question of whether any particular material is properly
25 discoverable or admissible and does not constitute any ruling on any potential objection to
26 the discoverability of any material.

15. **Addition of Defendants after Entry of Order.** This Protective Order will cover additional Defendants in this case so long as they agree to be bound by the terms of this Protective Order and so indicate that consent by the execution of a supplemental stipulation, which shall be filed as an addendum or supplement to this Protective Order.

The Clerk of the Court is directed to provide a filed copy of this Protective Order to all counsel of record.

DATED this 22nd day of May, 2025


HON. LAUREN KING
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Presented by:

s/ Amanda McDowell
AMANDA MCDOWELL
Assistant United States Attorney